

TIVERTON CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
Regular meeting minutes: June 28, 2008

1. Call to order

Chair Cecil Leonard called the meeting to order at 11:10 am at the Tiverton Town Hall

Members present: Laura Epke, Deb Pallasch, Stanley Zeramby, Diane Harris, Ray Medeiros, Bob Koohy, Frank Marshall Absent: Richard Joslin

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by L. Epke, seconded by D. Harris, to continue minutes for April 2, 2008.
Motion approved with C. Leonard opposed and D. Pallasch abstaining.

Motion made by L. Epke, seconded by D. Harris, to approve minutes as amended for April 9, 2008. Motion approved unanimously with D. Pallasch abstaining.

Motion made by L. Epke, seconded by D. Harris, to approve minutes for June 26, 2008.
Motion approved unanimously.

3. Commission discussion proposed Charter amendments

Motion by F. Marshall, seconded by C. Leonard, to amend language for section 301 for time and purpose to include provision for more time if needed in budget process to August 10th.
In Favor: F. Marshall, C. Leonard, B. Koohy, D. Harris, S. Zeramby, R. Medeiros
Abstain: L. Epke, D. Pallasch Motion passed.

Commission reviewed all public comment made at the Public Forum for potential revisions.
No further action was taken.

Commission member L. Epke asked if a final vote on the All Day Referendum (ADR) proposal would be taken. Chair stated was not necessary as all parts and subsequent changes had been voted on individually throughout. No vote taken. L Epke went on record with a statement that she thought there should be a vote taken on the final ADR proposal.

Discussion of possibility of presenting a second alternative by Commission. L. Epke stated that section 1205 of the Charter seemed to allow it and at Council's last meeting, Solicitor stated it was technically not illegal. By majority consensus it was decided that the group did not want to endorse a second alternative put forth by the Charter Review Commission.

4. Wrap-up process

Secretary will put together a pamphlet similar to that used by the previous Charter Review Commission and forward to Town Clerk for the Council's use in providing voter information before the election.

Chair to forward the FTM comments accumulated based on public comment at Commission meetings to the Council for informational purposes only with no endorsement or rejection of the suggestions.

Commission reviewed and amended proposed hearing advertisement for the Charter Amendments received from the Town Clerk. Secretary to forward revised copy to Clerk.

5. Other

Discussion of R. Joslin's June 27 and 28 communications to the Town Council and Commission. Discussion recognizing Mr. Joslin's right to express an individual opinion, however, noted that opinion did not represent the position or opinions of the Charter Commission or its remaining members.

4. Adjournment

The Commission's June 28, 2008 regular meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Minutes recorded and compiled by Deborah Pallasch, Secretary.